REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the application. No claims have been added or canceled. Claims 1 and 12 have been amended. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

I.   Objection to the Title

The Office Action objects to the title as not being descriptive. In response, Applicant has submitted herewith a replacement title. Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to the title be withdrawn.

II.   Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,254,624 to Kinyon et al. ("Kinyon"). Applicant respectfully traverses.

Kinyon discloses a system and method for configuring *computing elements* in a networked computing system. In Kinyon, the computing elements are specific laptop computers, workstations, and the like that are networked into the networked computing system. Kinyon uses the term *configuration aspects* primarily to refer to user-interface components and other computer-operation settings that, at least in theory, can be varied to the requirements of particular users or locations. The *configuration aspects* of Kinyon include, for example, a language that is used in a user interface (e.g., English or Spanish), a security policy, and peripherals that will be accessible to a computing element.

Kinyon's system uses a combination of a *base configuration file* and *aspect configuration files*. The base configuration file includes configuration attributes common to a relatively large group of users or computing elements (e.g., a security policy). The aspect configuration files include specific configuration aspects that affect a smaller group of users or computing elements (e.g., a language of the user interface). According to Kinyon, all configuration files are stored in

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a storage element accessible on the network. When a user begins a session on a computing element, Kinyon's system accesses the configuration files in a predetermined sequence depending on the configuration files applicable to a particular user or computing element to create a session configuration file. Therefore, the session of the computing element is configured based on any settings in the session configuration file.

The Office Action appears to equate Kinyon's *base configuration file* with a core product according to claims 1-26 and Kinyon's *session configuration file* with a customized core product according to claims 1-26 as they existed prior to the present amendment. Based on a detailed review of Kinyon and the Office Action, the Office Action's argument appears to hinge on considering Kinyon's *configuration aspects* to be *services* according to the claims.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the *core product* is a <u>service-oriented architecture</u>, that the *core product* is customized to create a *customized service-oriented architecture*, and that the service-oriented architecture is customized by at least one of specializing or replacing at least one of a plurality of *existing service implementations* of the *service-oriented architecture*. Independent claim 12 has been amended in a similar fashion. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to independent claims 1 and 12 foreclose any interpretation that Kinyon's *configuration aspects* may be considered *services* according to independent claims 1 and 12. Rather, Applicant respectfully submits that Kinyon discloses a fundamentally distinct concept that is not applicable to customization of a *service-oriented architecture* as claimed in claims independent claim 1 and 12. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 of independent claims 1 and 12 as anticipated by Kinyon be withdrawn.

Claims 2-11 and 13-26 each depend from and further patentably restrict one of independent claims 1 and 12. For at least the reasons given with respect to independent claims 1 and 12, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims 2-11 and 13-26 patentably distinguish over Kinyon. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 of claims 2-11 and 13-26 as anticipated by Kinyon be withdrawn.

III.   Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. A Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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